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35-M 3220 Action Fled c: October 4, 1962 EUR 10:00 a.m. FROM: Tokyo info SS TO: Secretary of State SR G NO: 988, October 4, 7 p.m. SP L Н SB PRIORITY ARA ACTION DEPARTMENT 988, INFORMATION PARIS 69, LONDON 35. FE E AIDA PARIS FOR USRO. P IOP INR AGR Embassy considers Japanese are not likely be affected by COM actions US contemplates taking concerning shipping with Cuba TRSY . FMC IL Without revealing exact hature contemplated US action, Embassy requested assistance RMR V GOJ Foreign Office to obtain best information on practices Japanese shipping. Acting Director Economic Affairs Bureau (Nakayama) promised have his staff look into matter. On

October 4, staff level Foreign Office advised Embassy

- Foreign Office said it assumed US aware GOJ has no regulations which prohibit possible involvement Japanese flag vessels but noted that Japanese shipowners quite obviously aware

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